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## Senior players cap off careers by helping turn program around

By Andrew Hammond THE COLLEGIAN

here is no clear definition of the term "overcoming adversity." Don't tell K-State women's basketball that, however, because the last fours have been all about overcoming adversity.

Just ask the team's three seniors, who have not only experienced the highs and lows of the program, but have also been instrumental in this year's turnaround season.

'While this team had a lot of players that shared the leadership, they (the seniors) provided the appropriate leadership, I think on the floor and in the locker room," head coach Jeff Mittie said Sunday after K-State's 67-48 loss to Missouri.

When Heidi Brown, Haley Texada and Ashia Woods first arrived in Manhattan, the program was coming off of another NCAA Tournament berth. The three helped the program earn another bid during their freshman campaign, though it would be their only chance at the NCAA Tourna-

For the next three seasons, Brown, Texada and Woods endured an odyssey of highs and lows, and have since helped restore toughness and resiliency to a once Big 12 powerhouse.

The trio first faced adversity in January 2013 — their sophomore season when Woods went down with a ruptured Achilles, an injury that ended her season

While Woods was on the mend, Brown and Texada stepped up and did their part in helping the Wildcats to another postseason bid with the WNIT.

However, things then seemed to hit rock bottom — and fast.

Woods returned from her injury, but the 2013-14 campaign was anything but



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Senior guards Haley Texada, Ashia Woods and Heidi Brown pose for a photo during senior night on March 3 at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcat seniors finished their season with a 59-55 win against a heavy contender, West Virginia.

smooth sailing. Just 15 games into the season, Texada was sidelined for the rest of the season with a stress fracture in her leg. As a result, the Wildcats' record took a big hit, as they endured their first losing season in four years (11-19).

The season was a disappointment, capped off with a three-point loss to instate rival Kansas in the Big 12 Women's

Tournament. The loss sent K-State into the offseason without a postseason appearance and without a head coach. Shortly after the season ended, Athletics Director John Currie relieved Deb Patterson of her head coach duties with the women's basketball

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#### Disc golf club seeks to catch new wind



By Sarah Broddle THE COLLEGIAN

Four years ago, the K-State Disc Golf Club consisted of four students who funded and supported their own way through tournaments.

The team qualified for their fifth National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship in six years, and has a consistent team of talented student athletes.

Josh Carroll, senior in fine arts and president of the club, has been present to see most of this growth happen. Five years ago, when he first became a student at K-State, Carroll joined a community disc golf league in Manhattan.

What became known as 'the K-State Disc Golf Club team' formed as a result of this league when four guys decided to begin competing in tournaments competitively," Carroll said. "After competing in nationals in the spring of 2012, three of the four team members graduated and we were left to recruit an entirely new team."

With enough interest, he applied to create an official club team through K-State's Office of Student Activities and Services. After gaining support from the university and recruiting enough team members, the team began competing in regional tournaments throughout the 2012-13 academic year, hoping to reach the national tournament once again. The team continued their success from year to year and attained their goal.

The club's cycle will repeat itself this fall when five of the eight team members will graduate, while the remaining three recruit.

Carroll said he hopes to continue spurring the growth of the sport in the Midwest. The team hosted their first tournament last weekend, the Midwest Collegiate Championships. Dynamic Discs, an Emporia disc golf company, played a large role by sponsoring this tournament.

Dixon Jowers, operations specialist for Dynamic Discs, spoke about the growth of the sport in the Midwest and specifically in Kansas.

"Dynamic Discs recently opened its second store in Kansas City and continues to sponsor tournaments around the country in an effort to support passionate and dedicated players," Jowers said.

Disc golf is catching a new wind in the professional and collegiate spheres.

"We played host to three other Kansas schools: University of Kansas, Wichita State University and Emporia State University, and are hoping to add two more in upcoming years," Carroll said. "Those schools are Bethel College and Pittsburg State University.'

Three of the four Kansas teams have qualified to compete with more than 90 other teams at the 2015 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships, demonstrating the strength the sport is gaining in the Midwest region. The next step for the disc golf club is to compete at the national competition, held April 15-18.

Another goal remaining for this academic year is to recruit club team members to fill a team for next year.

"Most people see the club as a competitive way to enjoy disc golf," Carroll said. "While tournaments are competitive, the club exists as a format to connect people who love disc golf with other people who like disc golf. Anyone is welcome to join the club.

This mentality of inclusiveness has been vital in drawing players into the club. Players like David Moreno, junior in finance, were able to find their niche at K-State within the club.

"I have gotten significantly better by playing with the guys," Moreno said. "We are just a bunch of guys that love getting outside and throwing, and we have all become good friends with only that one thing in common."

A student league will begin the week after spring break. Students will begin playing on Friday nights from 5-7 p.m. at Fairmont Park.

## Country club cuts rug in Courtyard



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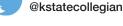
Austin Schmitz, junior in agricultural engineering, instructs the K-State Country Dance Club on Monday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. The club practices every Monday and is open to everyone. See more photos at kstatecollegian.com

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Pedro Ivan Marquez, of the 1100 block of Bertrand Street, was booked for driving with a cancelled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

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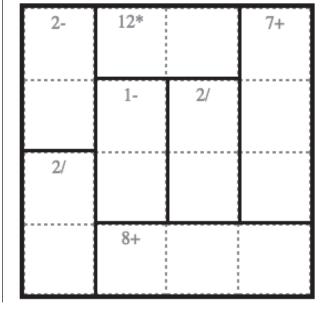
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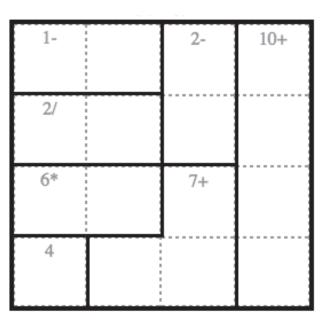
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# Swingin' Spurs kick up dancing boots in Union



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**Kellie Young**, junior in geology, practices a lift with dancing partner **Thomas Weeks**, senior in communication studies, during Swingin' Spurs practice in the K-State Student Union Courtyard on Monday. K-State's Swingin' Spurs are a group of country swing dancers that provide dance performances and lessons.



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**Ashley Herb,** senior in personal financial planning, and her swing dancing partner **Brian Pelis**, of Manhattan, lead the count for one of the Swingin' Spurs dance numbers during practice in K-State Student Union Courtyard on Monday.



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**Michael Stacey**, senior in construction science and management, lifts **Lindsay McNary**, junior in journalism and digital media, during Swingin' Spurs practice on Monday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

# SENIORS | 'Unity and strength' binds senior players says Wood

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With the program trending downward for the first time in several years, the trio faced a decision: opt out of the program and finish their careers elsewhere amid uncertainties of a new coach, or stick it out with whoever was next in line.

As the story goes, they chose the lat-

Soon after the end of the season, K-State Athletics hired its ninth women's head coach in school history: Jeff Mittie.

Other than high energy and intensity,
Mittie brought something to the program
that became K-State's one-word motto for

the 2014-15 season: poise.

"'Poise' was literally the word of the year," Texada said. "That's something Coach Mittie and his staff said the first day we practiced – you know, just have poise. And over time, now that I say it, it's night and day as to how much we do have it. It's funny to see how much you grow in a year and a let shapes?"

and a lot changes."

The Wildcats needed that poise and resiliency this season, especially from Brown, Texada and Woods once Big 12

play rolled around.

After a 12-1 nonconference schedule, the Wildcats hit a series of speed bumps in conference action. By the end of the season, though, K-State was peaking and challenging each foe, including top-ranked Baylor in the Big 12 Women's Tourna-

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Woods credits that turnaround to urgency — urgency from playing in her last season in a K-State uniform.

"Yes, there is a little more urgency knowing that it is coming to an end," Woods said. "We are playing with more energy and more passion. Another thing is we have a little more experience to lead our team and that plays a role on how well we do on the court."

If there was one game that defined this senior class, it was K-State's regular-season finale against West Virginia on March 3. Down 13 points in the second half, Texada and Woods sparked a comeback that gave the Wildcats a 59-55 victory. In the win Texada scored 22 points.

tory. In the win, Texada scored 22 points. "It was awesome," Texada said after that game. "I enjoyed every second of it, no matter how tired I was at one point. The girls really did fight hard and they knew how much it meant. They just went harder because of that. It was awesome."

Although the three seniors' careers ended Sunday in a WNIT second-round loss to Missouri, Woods said unity and strength will bind them long after their time at K-State is over.

"Those are my girls for life," Woods said. "We've been together since day one; not all seniors have come in together at the same time ... we bonded and have had great memories. That's one thing that we'll take, (that is), the journey with each other."



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Members of the Swingin' Spurs practice on March 23, 2015 in the K-State Student Union.



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My life to-do list looks a little something like this:

- 1. Graduate college
- 2. Find a summer internship or job
- 3. Go to Thailand to teach in Sep-

The fact that I have something planned roughly six months ahead is a miracle in itself. I fly by the seat of my pants in all that I do, and my sense of spontaneity often leaves me wondering what am I supposed to do next and I love it.

Nowhere on my to-do list is there a bullet point for having children. Shocking, right? As a woman by today's standards, I should be ready to pop a few out by the time I'm 26 years old, already be married and have had mastered the art of cooking. With no serious relationship or decent human being worthy of dating in sight and still managing to burn almost all that I cook, where does that leave me?

I suppose that leaves me as the heartless female whose cold and cruel body cannot muster the love and care it takes to produce a baby in my godforsaken womb.

While I hope the exaggeration in that last sentence is easily distinguishable, these are some of the reactions I get when the subject of (not) having children

#### Time consuming

Although I hate to describe a child as a burden, let's not beat around the bush here and pretend like taking care of an infant all day, every day is some kind of fun task. It is a job. Being a stay-athome parent is a job. It is a lot of work. Anyone that undermines the patience and strength it takes to be a stay-athome parent does not know the first thing about parenting and, quite frankly, neither do I. This might explain why the idea of becoming a mom frightens me so much in the first place.

According to the Mayo Clinic, a newborn baby can cry up to two hours or more on any given day. I'm sure mothers everywhere can attest that this is a true (if not lowballed) number for the amount babies actually cry. Once the crying begins, it is the parents' job to decode the crying, and there are more than a handful of reasons as to why the screaming won't

Some of these reasons include being hungry, tired or lonely. Having gone through the list with no avail, parents must wait it out. I can't imagine having to sit and listen to someone I love crying for hours on end and not having a solution to the unknown problem.

#### **Financially draining**

Let's start at the very beginning. Forget about paying your child's future college tuition, car insurance, health insurance, phone bills ... kids are expensive, starting from the day they pop out.

Childbirth Connections, a core program of the National Partnership for Women and Families, put together data

for a range of different birthing methods. In 2010, the average cost of a vaginal hospital birth with no complications in Kansas was \$9,496. The more complicated a birth becomes, the more it's going to cost you. For a Kansas hospital cesarean delivery with complications in 2010, you were looking

collected on birth center charges





at a whopping

\$20,461 bill. Let's not forget the costs of preparing for a baby before it is even born. Doctor's appointments, cradles, bottles, a car seat and formula are just a few of the thousands of dollars soon-to-be parents spend on items they need to stock up on before they have a baby.

I'm going to seize this moment to play the broke college student card.

I'm a broke college student. I can barely afford to drive home on the weekends. I skip lunch when possible to save food. I work two jobs and am in enough credit hours to feel like a fulltime student. I buy the cheapest of liquor to get by on the weekends and don't even bring my debit card to the bars. If I haven't clearly painted my beautifully diminished bank account enough for you to understand my total lack of green, I can't help you.

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Remember that thing I was saying about flying by the seat of my pants? I don't see any child growing up happily, or safely, with a mother who is so indecisive about life that she even changes her hair every other week (I recently cut off 4 inches of hair and got bangs; please avoid eye contact until they have fully grown out). I studied abroad and didn't buy my plane ticket until three weeks before I departed for Europe. I moved into a retirement community for a class and officially decided to do this 36 hours prior to moving in. None of these spontaneous acts would provide a child with a good living environment.

According to a July 18, 2014 Washington Post article titled, "Are you raising nice kids? A Harvard psychologist gives 5 ways to raise them to be kind," Harvard psychologist Richard Weissbourd runs the Making Caring Common project which researches how to teach

The article cited suggestions from Make Caring Common as to how to make children good, moral, caring and responsible people:

'Children are not born simply good or bad and we should never give up on them. They need adults who will help them become caring, respectful and responsible for their communities at every stage of their childhood."

While taking my kid by the hand during every stage of their childhood sounds like a walk in the park, I simply don't have time for that, nor do I see myself having the time once I start my career. That's not fair to a child.

There are millions of reasons to have kids. I could go on for hours as to why having children is not right for me and many others. I do, however, hope that those longing to be parents do not judge those who don't; we are not cold. and we are not selfish. I am simply not ready to take care of anyone other than myself for awhile and who knows, maybe one day motherhood will call my name and I'll find myself with a little Kelly running around. What a world that

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has several benefits can also help prevent breast By Mallory Diekmann THE COLLEGIAN

Motherhood matters,

I have a major obsession with Pinterest. I have pinned hundreds of recipes, do-ityourself room decorations and different types of shoes, but nothing warms my heart like a picture of baby-sized

I have heard that a person does not know true love until they hold their child in their arms. Though I do not plan

on becoming a mother in the near future, it is something that I most definitely want to experience.

When my parents got married, they planned on having three, maybe four kids. Twenty-seven years and six kids later, they could not imagine their life any other way. There have been plenty of times when my siblings have gotten on my nerves, but growing up with five siblings meant I always had a friend around. I do not know if I will end up having six kids myself, but the benefits of having children goes far beyond adding fulfillment to my life.

Having children is very exsome monetary perks. When filing for taxes, adults with children qualify for some major tax breaks. According to the Fox News article "10 Hidden Benefits of Having Children, people with children can save thousands of dollars by claiming child tax credits, education credits, as well as child and dependent care credits.

#### **Health benefits**

Having children, it turns out, can be good for your health. A study conducted by Brigham Young University found that married couples with children had significantly lower blood pressure than couples without. Becoming pregnant

cancer, according to the Baby Center article "How being a mom can make you healthier." This is when breast cells become fully mature, which makes them less susceptible to cancer-causing changes. Certain hormonal changes during pregnancy can also help prevent breast cancer.

Also, many women adopt healthier lifestyles after becoming a mother as well. Slightly more than 50 percent of mothers admitted to dropping or improving unhealthy habits, as well as paying more attention to their overall health after becoming mothers in a Baby Center poll that asked over 20,000 mothers how they changed their health after giving birth.

#### Becoming a kid again

Childhood is filled with adventures and a carefree attitude, which we often lose as we enter adulthood and the real world. Having a child allows the parents to somewhat become a kid again.

I am looking most forward to encouraging my children to follow their dreams, no matter how unrealistic they may seem. I want to be a role model for my children, not simply in the academic and professional world, but by the way I choose to live my life as well.

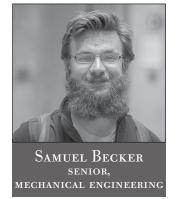
Giving birth does come with side effects and consequences that can appear to be negative, but I believe they are all outweighed by everything that children add to a person's life. I honestly cannot wait to become a mother, but (in the mean time) adorable babies wearing designer clothes on Pinterest will do just fine.

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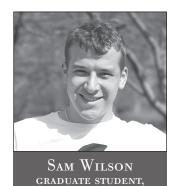
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If you could invent one item that has not been created yet, what would it be and why?

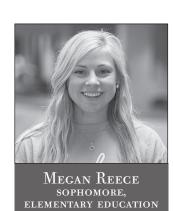


"I'd create a spaceship that could take us to Mars in six days.'



"A teleportation device, because we waste so much time from going

place to place."

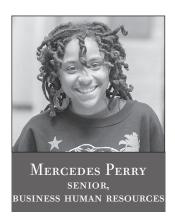


"I'd say a mind reader device. It would help cut down on the lack of communication among other people."



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"Teleportation device, because not only do long-distance relationships suck, but also it would be nice not to have to drive everywhere.'



"A black news network, because there has been constant negativity recently and I'd like to spread positivity."

compiled by Jon Parton

### Crowd boos governor at men's basketball tournament game

Gov. Sam Brownback was the subject of audible booing from the crowd during the Sunday NCAA tournament game between the University of Kansas and Wichita State University in Omaha, Nebraska.

When live video of Brownback, who was sitting in the stands with his wife Mary Brownback, was featured on the big screen, the crowd began to boo. Brownback was wearing a T-shirt with both teams' logos, according to the Wichita Eagle.

Brownback is a graduate of K-State.

### Westar Energy giving \$38 million in rebates to customers this year

Kansas electric utility Westar Energy reported taking in about \$38 million more than it should have last year, according to the Wichita Eagle. In response, the company will take out about \$1.26 per month this year from customers' bills.

The additional money was collected from Westar Energy's Retail Energy Cost Adjustment rider, a fee that covers the cost of fuel for the company's power

The company collected about \$510 million for the fee, but only spent about \$479 million, according to Rebecca Fowler, Westar Energy rate analyst.

## K-State offering free electronics recycling

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The university will accept old electronics for recycling this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in parking lot D1, next to St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center on Denison Avenue.

This is the fourth year for the annual event. According to a K-State press release, more than 50,000 pounds of electronics have been turned in since 2011.

Items that are acceptable include: computers, cellphones, printers, TVs of 27 inches or less, scanners, DVD players, VCRs and more. The university cannot accept larger TVs, appliances or microwaves. The total collected will be added to K-State's recycling numbers for the RecycleMania contest.

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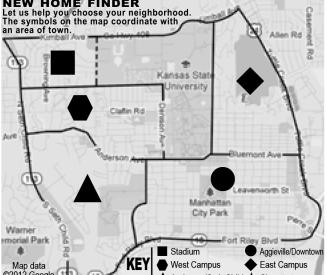
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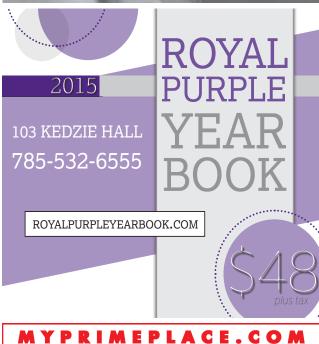
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